

Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
Virtual Special West Hartford Town Council Meeting

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B, and the public had the ability to view the meeting in real-time on West Hartford Community Interactive: Comcast Channel 5, Frontier TV Channel 6098, and streaming on the WHCI website.

Meeting Opening

- A. Call to Order: Called to Order by Mayor Cantor at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call: Councilors Blanks, Cantor, Davidoff, Fay, Gold, Kerrigan, Sweeney, Wenograd and Williams were present.

Communications

- A. Letter from Mayor Cantor Appointing Special Advisory Committees on Reopening and Recovery: Received

The Mayor presented a letter establishing two Special Committees:

- 1) The Special Advisory Committee on Economic and Workforce Recovery
Chaired by Deputy Mayor Leon Davidoff, with members Minority Leader Lee Gold, Councilors Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd and Chris Williams
- 2) The Special Advisory Committee on Social and Community Recovery
Chaired by Councilor Liam Sweeney, with members Councilors Carol Blanks and Mary Fay

The Mayor will serve ex-officio as a co-Chair of each Committee.

- B. Plans for Re-opening Certain Recreational Facilities & Leisure Services Programs:

The Mayor announced the Special Advisory Committee on Social and Community Recovery will meet virtually on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6 p.m. to discuss timing and reopening of certain outdoor activities, Senior Centers. Libraries and other Recreational facilities.

- C. Plans for May 20 Reopening of Restaurants and Retail:

Town Manager Matt Hart presented a draft plan from Town staff to accommodate the expansion of outdoor dining and retail in the Center. Town staff has been working for several weeks on plans in accordance with Executive Order 7MM that would provide restaurants and retailers with the ability to utilize public rights of way to create more capacity.

Corporation Counsel Dallas Dodge summarized the timeline of the Executive Order and outlined general rules involving the first phase of reopening.

Manager Hart reported meetings will take place with stakeholders along with town staff. There would also be plans to replicate the concept in other areas

of town. Economic Development Specialist Kristen Gorski surveyed restaurants and retailers for input.

3. Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.